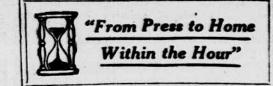
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VERA CRUZ SCENE OF DEMONSTRATION AGAINST FOREIGNERS National Assembly to Meet Four Policemen, All Told, May

Natives Attempt to Incite Uprisings by Incendiary Speeches, McNamee Reports.

OFFICIALS HERE DISPLAY **CONCERN OVER SITUATION**

Resentment of Mexicans Believed Due to Calling of Pan-American Conference in U. S.

GUNBOAT MARIETTA IS SENT

Will Go to Vera Cruz and Take Brazilian and Guatemala Ministers to New Orleans-Relief Work in Capital Satisfactory.

-President Wilson was in com- ties. Cruz to protect Americans, and Quiet has been re-established at St. Marc and Aux Cayes. grant the request.

from Commander McNamee of that he disarm his men, and this, in the United States gunboat Sacramento for a battleship squadron, caused the Washington government much concern today, particularly in view of the pan-American conference which is to be resumed in New York tomorrow for the purpose of devising means for the restoration of peace

in Mexico. So alarming were the reports made by Commander McNamee to the Navy Department that preliminary orders were issued propartment, Rear Admiral Benson, States expeditionary forces, in a acting Secretary of the Navy, and
Leon J. Canova, chief of the Mexican affairs division of the State
Department, it was announced that no battleships would be sent to Vera Cruz at present.

To the Navy Department today.

The Haitian tug Nord Alexis, which recently put into Port au Prince carrying a number of native troops, has gone to Cape Haitien. The soldiers were disarmed. Men whose homes are in the vicinity of Cape Haitien left on the Alexis.

Port au Prince, Cape Haitien and Port au Paix were reported quiet.

With American marines and blue-jackets controlling the principal towns, naval officers administering the cus-

Might Stir Up Feeling.

The dispatch of battleships to Vera Cruz, the seat of the Carranza government in Mexico, might stir up feeling nd produce a situation embarrassing o the United States government in its forts to bring about peace through he pan-American conference. An order was sent, however, to the

om Progreso to Vera Cruz, a distance used to convey the Brazilian and matemalan ministers in Mexico to his report to the Navy Department t. McNamee said that natives have

e incendiary speeches in the streets Vera Cruz against Americans and other oreigners, and that there had been perous endeavors to incite an uprising gainst the foreigners there, though no cert act had yet been committed. When his report was first received the attleships New Hampshire and Louisi-na, now at Newport, R. I., with the Atc fleet, were ordered to prepare to go Vera Cruz at once. If emergency re-ilred, it was said, the battleship Concut, now in Haitian waters, could be shed across the gulf in about two days join Commander McNamee. The Con-ecticut could reach Vera Cruz several ays ahead of the Louisiana and the New Although there are several naval vessels in Mexican ers, the Sacramento is the only on

Feeling Due to Conference.

While Commander McNamee's report not give details, it is believed here officials that the anti-American ing in Vera Cruz, where Carranza n control, is directly traceable to the American conference in Washingwhich aims to bring about peace Mexico through the elimination of military leaders and factions now rring in the southern republic. Gen. arranza, however, refuses to be ninated, claiming that his governnt has been accepted by a large mahe belief in many quarters here that arranza will fight before yielding to ny plan for the establishment of a ew government in Mexico, which seeks limination.

hether he will have the support of followers if he seeks to make war inst the United States and the other merican republics joining with this puntry in the effort to establish peace remains to be seen. It is be red that an embargo on arms shipped any American country to Mexico effectually put an end to any retance that Carranza might offer The Guatemalan minister to Mexico sume command of all the United States pital and went aboard the gunboat gramento. The Brazilian minister tois en route from Mexico City to under a Cruz, where he will arrive tonight perton. also board the Sacramento. The diplomate probably will remain on gunboat until the gunboat Mareaches there from Progreso to

retary Lansing will leave for New rk tonight to resume deliberations h Latin-American diplomats tomor-The Secretary would not discuss situation today, asserting that he "talked considerably yesterday out a confidential conference." hether the definite plan agreed upon (Continued on Second Page.)

DATE SET IN HAITI TO HOLD ELECTION

Thursday for the Choice of President.

PEOPLE SAID TO PREFER A PROVISIONAL RULER

Prince Restore Treasury Service to National Bank.

PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti, August 10. -The next meeting of the national assembly for the election of a President of Haiti in succession to the late President Guillaume, who lost his life during the revolutionary operations of Dr. Rosalvo Bobo, has been called for

If an election is possible it is be lieved that Gen. Dartiguenave will be selected, in spite of the fact that popular feeling is against him. Generally speaking, the people would prefer the establishment of a provisional government and the dissolution of the cham-CORNISH, N. H., August 10. ber of deputies and the senate, to be followed by the election of new depu-

Gen. Cacos Refuses to Disarm Men. CAPE HAITIEN, August 10.-Gen. Anti-foreign demonstrations in Cacos, one of the leaders of the recent era Cruz, followed by a request the demand of the American consul spite of the request to the same end forwarded Cacos by telegraph from Dr. Rosalvo Bobo, the leader of the revolution. Cacos and his men are outside of Cape Haitien, and are preventing the coming of supplies from the countryside to the city. Their purpose is to starve the population.

The officer in command of the American marines on shore has sent an ultimatum to all revolutionary chiefs insisting that the people of Cape Haitien be permitted to pass freely wherever they want to.

The customhouse at Cape Haitien is open, but it is under the administration of American officers. spite of the request to the same end

U. S. Officials Are Hopeful of Bringing About Peace

in the Republic of Haiti Evacuation of Fort Liberte by the iding for hurrying large naval Haitian government troops and the dereinforcements to Vera Cruz. But parture of the gunboat Castine for St. following a conference between reported, were announced by Admiral Marc, where an uprising was recently Secretary Lansing of the State De-Caperton, commander of the United States expeditionary forces, in a report

haval officers administering the cus-tomhouses and the revolutionary eaders giving assurances of co-opera ion, officials here hope for rapid ess toward restoring a permanent naive government.

Gen. Bobo Renounces Pretensions.

Gene Bobo, the northern revolutionist. has arrived at Port au Prince, renounced his pretensions to executive power and conduct. He put up \$25 collateral, unboat Marietta to proceed at once ordered his soldiers disarmed and sent home. He has assured Admiral Caperton about 360 miles. Rear Admiral Ben- he will co-operate in efforts to restore on explained that the Marietta might order. Bobo is a candidate for the presiorder. Bobo is a candidate for the presidency, but has agreed to abide by the choice of the congress. Similar assurances is made public it will be found to cover choice of the congress. Similar assurances have been given by Mr. Bourand, another presidential aspirant.

> Secretary Lansing, explaining the oc-cupation of Haiti's customhouses, said: "The customhouses are being super vised by American authority because state of anarchy exists in the country It is necessary that we should see to it that the customs revenues do not go where they do not belong."

U. S. Withholds Suggestion.

No decision had been reached by this but bribe giving is one. So far, it has government as to any representations been found more expedient to promise to be made to Haiti. Nothing will be the bribe giver immunity and get his done until a new government is estab-lished. Then an understanding will be are reaching Maj. Pullman, but not in sought to assure continuation of peace.

This will necessitate adjustment of the financial affairs of the republic and the sents a fairly valuable "tip." He said, financial affairs of the republic, and the United States hopes to see a govern-ment established which will negotiate a treaty whereby the United States could guarantee the administration of the Haitian government. In this connection there are many in-

ternational claims to be satisfied, as was the case in Santo Domingo when this government undertook collection of the customs and proper segregation of the revenues to apply on foreign obli-

CRUISER SAILS FOR HAITI CARRYING 862 MARINES

Col. Waller, Who Will Take Charge of Island Forces, Also on the Tennessee.

PHILADELPHIA, August 10.-Carrying 862 marines, the United States cruiser Tennessee sailed from the Philadelphia navy yard today for Haiti. Col L. W. T. Waller and his staff sailed on the Tennessee. Col. Waller will as-Vera Cruz last night from the marines in Haiti. The marines that left here will reinforce those now in Haiti under command of Rear Admiral Ca-

The Tennessee carries enough supplies for a three-month campaign. Ensign D. D. Dubree of the Tennes whose home is in Texas, was stricker with appendicitis last night, and was operated upon in the naval hospital. He will recover.

British M. P. Is Wounded. LONDON, August 10.-Capt. Percy

Archer Clive, a member of parliament for Herefordshire, Ross division, has

TWO INDICTMENTS THURSDAY LIKELY

Be Held by Grand Jury in Graft Inquiry.

SWEEPING INVESTIGATION BY COMMITTEE PLANNED

American Authorities at Port au District Attorney Grants Immunity to Two Men for Testimony as U. S. Witnesses.

Indictments against two and possibly four policemen involved in the police graft inquiry probably will be returned by the grand jury Thursday. Meantime, Maj. Raymond Pullman, superintendent of police, is in receipt of information involving one more member of his force; a sweeping inquiry by a special committee of government and District officials is being tentatively planned at the District building, and immunity munication today with Secretary
Lansing regarding a request from
Commander McNamee that a battleship squadron be sent to Vera
Guillaume

The American authorities in control at Port au Prince have handed back to the national bank the treasury service of the republic, which this bank had the performing under control. It was relieved of its duties in this regard by the government of President

Could a prince have handed back to the national bank the treasury service of the republic, which this bank had attorney to two men who are involved neck deep in the graft cases, but who will be valuable cases, but who will be valuable witnesses for the United States when the prosecution begins in

> The Star learned today that testimony which was given before the grand jury on which the district attorney's office pins its faith involves former Detective Raymond O. Kleindienst, who already is convicted and sentenced to a three-year penitentiary term following a raid on the house kept by Mrs. Margaret Stout. Testimony in the case showed that Edward Bronson, the colored man who was locked up as a valuable witness Satur day night, had been paying for protec tion for a game or games he had been running in a house over a barber shop on 3d street southwest. Thomas Horan, bartender from Rafftery's saloon, at 11th and C streets northeast, worked several times for a saloon kept by T D. Welch, at 3d and C streets south-west. The grand jury was told that Horan was the collector for Klein-dienst. Horan was a witness before the grand jury, as well as Bronson, and the government officials believe that what they will have to say in court will be conclusive evidence.

Statement Is Borne Out. The statement in The Star of yesterday that all evidence pointed to a "gobetween" in one of the cases was borne out by today's disclosures. Talks with neighborhood of Bronson's former activities indicate that Warren Grimes, the policeman suspended from the force last Saturday, was frequently in that neighborhood in plain clothes and former detective Kleindienst was near there enough to attract attention and

A man named Cole or Coles, who is understood to have conducted a place where gambling was permitted, may be another valuable witness, it is rumored in South Washington. He is understood to have "given up" to the police on several occasions. His place was raided at least once and a charge of gambling placed against him and his collateral was reduced substantially. He was arrested again by Policeman Grimes and charged with disorderly stiff sum for the charge. The next

morning he got \$20 back. Although the evidence has been hard o get, and the whole trail has led the graft, but in comparatively petty sums. A police official who knows, indicated

Tips Sent Anonymously.

Efforts are being made to find mer and women who have "given up" to the police, according to the charges which float in at headquarters, or into the district attorney's office. In this jurisdiction bribe taking is not an offense, however, that the letters are useless unless the writers are willing to swear to their information before a trial board

or grand jury.
A committee will probably be formed. including representatives of the disresentatives of the Commissioners. This committee may look into all the tips, hints and suggestions of crookedness and rascality, but Maj. Pullman said very decisively today that there should be no display of mere animosity and that all information would have to be sworn to. He said that there is at least man in the police department who evidently is filled with spite and is endeavoring to unload a long-standing grudge against some one. This sort of evidence, he declared, would not be considered for one minute.

Basis for Prosecutions.

The prosecution which will follow the indictments will be based on malfeasance in office or conspiracy, it is believed. Either charge would be broad enough to cover the cases. Mrs. Margaret Stout, on whose word the entire inquiry started, is not being battle held here by the government, and if

she is staying at a hotel, as has been suggested, it is not at the government's expense. The accusation made by her that there was jury tampering in her case and in the case against Kleindienst has not been borne out by the investigation of United States Attorney John E. Laskey. Investigation of the general situation is continuing

Lightning Causes \$250,000 Oil Fire. TULSA, Okla., August 10 .- A severe electrical storm yesterday caused a loss in the election of his opponent, F. P. of \$250,000 in the oil fields near Tulsa. Rainier. An overcount giving Rainier of \$250,000 in the oil fields near Tulsa. Hainer. An overcount giving Rainer the sky was illuminated for miles by burning oil tanks. The Gulf Pipe Line Company lost two 55,000-barrel tanks and six 1,600-barrel tanks. Many other losses were reported by various oil companies,



British and French Renew Attacks on Dardanelles, Claiming Substantial Gains.

some of the crap shooters found in the rine of the entente allies was sunk nitely. bombs upon the craft. All the crew were lost.

TURK AEROPLANE SINKS

Renew Dardanelles Attacks.

PARIS, August 10 .- The allied forces have resumed their attacks upon the Turkish positions at the Dardanelles ITALIANS ARE ATTACKED with great vistor during the last two days and have made sensible progress on the Gallipoli peninsula, according to a Havas dispatch received from Athens The Turkish losses have been heavy Simultaneously the allied fleet bombarded the Turkish positions on the Dardanelles, inflicting severe damage upon their defense works.

London Reports Allied Gains.

LONDON, August 10, 5:20 p.m.-Troops of the entente allies in the Dardanelles made a gain of 200 yards on a front of 300 yards east of the Krithia today that "one man was selling his road on the Gallipoli peninsula, it was honor for \$3 or \$5 a week." officially announced here today. A footing also has been gained on Chunuk Bahr and another landing ef-fected elsewhere, the statement adds.

ESCAPE WITH BANK CASH

Several Robbers Hold 100 Kansans at Bay While Companions Rifle Vault.

MAPLE HILL, Kan., August 10 .- Several robbers held more than one hundred citizens at bay today while companions blew open the vault of the Maple trict attorney's office, representa-tives of the police department and rep-it is believed there were seven men in the band.

met by armed men, who forced them to remain quiet until six charges of the xplosive had been fired. When the vault had been rifled the band disappeared in a heavy fog which

MAXIM INVENTS DEFENSE AGAINST DEADLY WAR GAS

PARIS, August 10 .- Hiram Maxim is credited by the London correspondent Two trainmen were killed when the of the Petit Parisien with having in- Pennsylvania railroad's fast passenger vented a simple and inexpensive contrain running from St. Louis to New trivance to protect soldiers from the York went into an open switch and Death of "Max Adler," Humorist. effects of deadily gases employed in This device is designed to cause the

ELECTION FRAUD CHARGED. Statement by Defeated Candidate for

Alagama Legislature. MONTGOMERY, Ala., August 10 .- J. A. Carnley, defeated candidate for representative from Coffee county, today filed with the legislature charges of fraud

GEN. SCOTT SUCCESSFUL BRITISH COAST RAIDED SUBMARINE OF ALLIES Villa Agrees to Call Off Mining

Meeting and Restore Seized Merchandise.

EL PASO, Tex., August 10.—Gen. Ships which flew over the English his mission to the border. At noon to-CONSTANTINOPLE, August day the following statement was issued: 9, via Berlin, August 10, by wire- interview that the proposed meeting of the airships was damaged by Brit- fully withhold provision for incidental less to Sayville, N. Y .- A subma- mining men will be postponed indefi-The foreign merchandise seized in Chihuahua last week will be Ostend. near Bulair this afternoon by a restored. Violations of the law, how-Turkish aeroplane, which threw ever, will be prosecuted. My mission here is now accomplished." Gen. Villa crossed the international

ference with Gen. Scott, at the home of J. F. Williams. Gen. Scott is a guest of the Williamses.

border today and entered into a con-

BY TROOPS FROM POLAND GENEVA, Switzerland, August 10, via Paris.—The appearance on the Italian front of Austrian troops released from the Russian campaign is announced by the chemists for the utilization of wood tria. These troops, to the number of 30,000, equipped with artillery sufficient for two army corps, attacked the Italians vesterday outside of Gorizia. The Italians brought up additional artillery, and, after a battle of fifteen hours, the dispatch says, forced the Austrians to retreat into Gorizia, leaving 2,000 dead on the battle-

The Italians are said to have gained an important point strategically by joining forces between Romans and Doberdo, south of Gradisca. The Austrians endeavored in vain to prevent this junction, losing heavily in the effort. The bom- cess of nitrification, which converts it bardment of Rovereto continues.

GOOD CROPS ARE TO GIVE GERMANS CHEAPER BREAD that made with cotton.

BERLIN, August 10, via wireless to Tuckerton, N. J .- "The minister of the interior of the grand duchy of Baden," Overseas News Agency, "on conferring with three socialist deputies announced

"The outlook of the potato crop," he said. "is excellent, and in the near fu-The first explosion aroused citizens, who, when they reached the street, were level. "The imperial governments of the several states are preparing measures to procure quantities of petroleum and

mands at a reasonable price." FAST TRAIN IS WRECKED.

Two Killed When Pennsy Train Goes Into Switch Near Indianapolis. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., August 10 .-

was wrecked a few miles east of Indianapolis at 8 o'clock last night. None gases to rise and pass over the heads of the passengers was injured serious-the men against whom they are di-rected.

of the passengers was injured serious-ly. The dead: William H. Ervin, fifty, ness, fireman, Indianapolis.

Deputy Coroner Wagner, after an in-

opened by some person with intent to five years old. cause the wreck, A train passed the switch twenty minutes before the Texas Convict Murderer Recaptured.

position at that time. A heavy iron rod was found near the switch. The deputy coroner believes this was used to break off the lock.

H. B. Reynolds, Pennsylvania trainmaster, and John W. Coneys, superintendent of Indianapolis terminals, after

BY GERMAN AIRSHIPS

p.m.-An attack by German air-United States Army, has accomplished coast last night was announced reau. The statement says one of the character of transportation accept-

A Central News dispatch from Amsterdam said that five Zeppelins were sighted this morning off Vlieland, near the entrance to Zuider Zee. course in the direction of the Scottish

GERMANS USE WOOD PULP FOR MAKING EXPLOSIVES

new process developed by German vention. the necessity of removing all impurities such as resin and oxycellulose. The process in its early stages is the same as in the manufacture of paper. Wood is ground, cooked, changed into liquid form, then carefully cleansed by the new process and rolled into sheets. Then it is ready for the prointo a high explosive.

The timber used is chiefly ash, pine and birch. For some purposes, says the Chronicle's informant, the new explosive is even more effective than

W. S. Porter, Oil Magnate, Dead.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 10 .- Wilsays a message from Karlsruhe to the liam Sterling Porter, forty-nine years old, vice president and general manager of the Associated Oil Company of that good crops soon would permit of California, died at a hospital here last 1,000.000 bushels, within three years. an increase in bread portions and of night following a stroke of apoplexy. The city reserves the right of purchase He also was vice president of the Amalgamated Oil Company, and was associated in the directorates of several

Fatal Heat Wave in Spain. MADRID, Spain, August 10, via Paris,

:45 p.m.—Several deaths have been aused at various points in Spain by a eat wave of unusual intensity. The Madrid. A man who became insane one of the youngest from any part of from the effects of the heat ran through jurea a number of persons before he

PHILADELPHIA, August 10.-Charles Heber Clark, who wrote under the ly. The dead: William H. Ervin, fifty, name of "Max Adler," died today at Eaglesmere, Pa. He was widely known as a writer of humorous books and sport stories. He also was an authorrestigation of the wreck, said that the ity on tariff matters. Mr. Clark was a lock on the switch had been broken, manufacturer in Conshohocken, near the lamp extinguished and the switch here, where he lived. He was seven y-

wreck and the device was in proper DECATUR, III., August 10.-Recog-NEW YORK, August 10 .- Ten vol-

AT SOUTHERN GATES

I. C. C. Issues Order Compelling Through Baggage Checking and Pullman Tickets.

NORTHERN LINES OBJECT TO MILEAGE COMBINATION

Declare Through Fares Are Lowered, But Commission Abrogates Plan to Stop It.

The interstate commerce commission n a decision today affecting a great volume of passenger traffic particularly in the east and north central states to the south, abrogated the proposed rules of railroads which would have prohibited the through checking of baggage and sale of through parlor or sleeping car tickets on combination tickets used in connection with joint fares from junction points.

For years travelers from New York Philadelphia, Baltimore and other trunk line territory going to points in the south and southeast have checked baggage through to destination and have secured through Pullman car accommo dations on combinations of tickets good only to and from the gateways to southern and southeastern territory. The Pennsylvania and Baltimore and Ohio railroads proposed to abolish the practice, for protection of their joint fares to conserve their revenues.

Mileage Books the Cause.

The rules were to apply to combinations of all forms of tickets issued by the roads and by their southern connections to and from the gateway involved, but mostly were to apply to combinations involving the use of combinations involving the use of mileage books of southern railroads, or southeastern passenger association interchangeable mileage exchange orders, which effect lower fares than the published joint through fares.

The railroads contended that the real purpose of mileage books and reduced rate tickets is to provide lower fares "within defined and limited territories" and they are not intended for use in

and they are not intended for use in combination with tickets issued by other lines to defeat reasonable joint other lines to defeat reasonable joint fares. They claim that their use in combination tends sooner or later to force joint fares down to the combination rates.

Retail merchants, chambers of commerce and travelers in the south and east protested against the inconvenience of detraining at Washington and other southern gateways to recheck

LONDON, August 10, 5:45 other southern gateways to recheck baggage and seture Pullman accommodations for the remainder of their journey.

Prohibits the Crder.

receiving the equivalent of its full today by the Official Press Bu- local fare to the junction, whatever ish aeroplanes and was towed into services universally in demand. Commissioner Harlan dissented from this

DIRECT TAXATION PLANNED.

They were taking a northwesterly New York State Faces Years of Levy to Raise Revenue.

ALBANY, N. Y., August 10 .- New York state faces years of direct taxation, Henry L. Stimson, chairman of the elsewhere. finance committee of the constitutional convention now in session here, declared today in discussing the commit-LONDON, August 10.-Details of a tee's budget proposal before the con-

"In recent years the expenses of the Tribune in a dispatch from Laibach, Aus- pulp as a substitute for cotton in the state have increased materially," he manufacture of explosives are given by said. "Hence taxes on property have figured since the battle of Festubert the Chronicle, which says the substi- necessarily also increased, but the value tute already is being used successfully of property has not increased proporat three large factories in Mannheim. tionately. We are now faced with the The great difficulty in using wood problem of raising more revenues and pulp, according to the Chronicle, was | property will not stand it. It is there fore necessary that we have a direct

tax."
The most striking feature of the committee's proposals is that the budget should originate with the governor in-stead of reaching him only after havstead of reaching him only after hav-ing been passed upon by the legisla-

WILL USE CITY DOCKS.

St. Louis Corporation Is to Build 1,000,000-Bushel Grain Elevator. ST. LOUIS, August 10 .- A contract consuls are leaving the Ottoman emgiving a local corporation the right to pire, intrusting their affairs to their use the municipal terminal railway and American colleagues. If this be true, it dock facilities along the Mississippi probably means that impending devel river front has been signed by the director of public utilities, it was an-

build an elevator with a capacity of 1,000.000 bushels, within three years.

The city reserves the right of purchase at the end of five years. The corporation expects to spend \$3,-

000,000 in building terminal facilities and has announced that it will operate a barge line between St. Louis and New Orleans.

Henry Parker, Boy Soldier, Dead. ELLWOOD CITY, Pa., August 10 .-Henry Parker, sixty-eight years old, temperature rose to 133 degrees Fahren- claimed to have been the youngest en- that Germany is willing to conclude heit in the sun at Seville and 108 at listed soldier from Pennsylvania and peace as matters stand, but the burden

the Union to serve during the civil war, the principal street of Madrid and in- is dead at his home here. He was thirteen years and eight months old when he enlisted. He was wounded five U. S. Begins Alaska Town Addition. SEWARD, Alaska, August 10.-Actual Kovno) have been taken by the rework on the government addition to moval of some of the public institu-

the Alaska engineering commission

with the clearing of grounds for streets

Compiles Vanderbilt Memorial.

newspaper clippings on the sinking of

TO MARCH ON RIGA

ONE CENT.

Defeat of Kaiser's Warships in the Baltic Gives Encouragement to Allies.

BRITISH BATTLE IN WEST **FOLLOWS REST SINCE MAY**

Balkan Situation Chaotic as Teutons Concentrate Forces on Serbian Border,

ITALY MAY WAR ON TURKEY

Withdrawal of Diplomatic Representative Regarded as Presaging Formal Break in "Friendly" Relations.

BERLIN, August 10, via London.-Fort No. 4 at Lomza has been stormed and the town of Lomza, which is situated on the Narew river, seventy-two miles southwest of Suwalki, has been occupied by German forces, according to an official statement issued by the German army headquarters staff today.

LONDON, August 10, 12:32 .m.-Although military operaions in Russian Courland havehardly reached the decisive stage, the Germans who have been smashing their way toward Riga have been checked.

Almost simultaneously German varships which attempted to seize the Gulf of Riga Sunday and attain a strategic position to assist the troops ashore were dis-

persed and damaged. German Fleet Was Large.

The assemblage of German craft was the largest of any engaged in the naval actions of the war thus far, with the exception of the allied squadron at the Dardanelles. It nosed its way toward Riga much after the manner of the British ships ranged off the Belgian

coast last fall. The fact that the German warships were forced to retire is a source of satisfaction to the British press, which finds encouragement in the resistance of the Russians in this northeastern theater in contrast to their retirement

British Advance in West.

The British advance in the vicinity of Hooge, while not comparable with the tremendous actions in Poland, marked the most important engagement in which the British army has in May.

The gain was small and still has to be maintained against the almost inevitable German counter attacks.

Balkan Situation Chaotic.

The Balkan situation still is chaotic. Dispatches from Saloniki say that the Austro-German plan to strike again at Serbia already has found expression in a concentration of Teutonic forces along the Serbian frontier. It is said 100,000 men have been massed near Orsova, Hungary, which may be the forerunner of the predicted campaign through Serbia

for the relief of Turkey. Italy as yet has not declared war on Turkey, but Athens reports that Italian

action of Italy. rector of public utilities, it was announced today.

The corporation is under contract to France and England in the Gallipoli

nations at peace. Peace Talk Deemed Idle.

For Germany's reported peace overtures to Russia the British press finds only sarcasm. Virtually all papers iterate editorally what officials have insisted so often, that there can be no peace until the allies have gained vic-

It is believed generally in England of all written and spoken comment is that from the standpoint of the allies such a situation would be impossible.

Ready to Evacuate Vilna.

A dispatch to Reuter's News Agency from Petrograd says that the first steps for the evacuation of Vilna (about fifty-five miles southeast of the town of Seward, the platting of tions and the contents of the public which is finished, was begun today by library and museums.

The railroad fro Vilna southward the dispatch adds, has been the object of active attention by German Zeppe-lins. Twelve bombs, five of which with the clearing of grounds for streets and the building of tracks into the railway terminal yards. Workmen also began constructing a sea bulkhead along the new addition's water front.

Ins. Twelve bombs, five of which were incendiary, have been dropped on Bialystok, while a simultaneous visit was paid to the Kovel railroad depot, the dispatch continues. The damage done was slight, and traffic was not interrupted.

umes of 100 pages each, containing Big Fleet of German Ships Fails to Pass Riga Defenses

tendent of Indianapolis terminals, after an investigation declared that the train an investigation declared that the train "was maliciously wrecked." Many pastian and had been sentenced to a life sengers were bruised and scratched, but none required medical attention.

The following official communication was issued last night. Tragedy. The volumes are designed as a memorial to Mr. Vanderbilt, and it is reported that eventually they will be given to the library at Yale University.

August 10.—The following official communication was issued last night. "A German fleet of nine battleships and twelve cruisers with a large-num-August 10 .- The following official com-

PETROGRAD, August 9, via London,